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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ANGOLA: DEPENDENTS EVACUATED

PRINCIPAL OFFICER KILLORAN, AMCONSUL LUANDA, ORDERED THE EVACUATION OF ALL AMERICAN DEPENDENTS IN ANGOLA MAY 2. KILLORAN'S ACTION FOLLOWS TWO DAYS OF SPONTANEOUS RIOTING, LOOTING AND FIGHTING IN ANGOLA, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SPARKED BY THE OFFLOADING OF ARMS FOR THE MPLA FROM A YUGOSLAV FREIGHTER APRIL 30. FBIS REPORTS THAT TENSIONS HAVE ABATED FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE BY THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND INCREASED PATROLS BY INTEGRATED FORCES. (CONFIDENTIAL) LUANDA 509, 4/2 AND (CONFIDENTIAL) LUANDA 504, 4/2.
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2. SOCIALISTS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST COMMUNISTS IN PORTUGAL

TICKER ITEMS REPORT THAT 30,000 SOCIALISTS MARCHED THROUGH CENTRAL LISBON MAY 2 IN A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE COMMU-

NIST PARTY IN WHAT AP TERMED "THE MOST TENSE MANEUVER YET."
EARLIER, SOARES MET WITH GONCALVES AND COSTA GOMES, AT THEIR
REQUEST AND LATER, ACTING UNDER MILITARY PRESSURES, ORDERED
THE CROWD TO DISPERSE. THE MASSIVE RALLY CAME IN RESPONSE
TO A MAY DAY CELEBRATION AT A LISBON STADIUM AT WHICH:

--SOARES AND OTHER SOCIALIST LEADERS WERE DENIED ADMIS-
SION TO THE SPEAKER'S PODIUM BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
COMMUNIST-DOMINATED INTERSINDICAL TRADE UNION CONFED-
ERATION; AND

--GONCALVES AND COSTA GOMES ADDRESSED A CROWD OF
APPROXIMATELY 60,000 PEOPLE.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED TO THE PRESS, THE SOCIALISTS ACCUSED
THE COMMUNISTS OF THREATENING SOARES WITH VIOLENCE AT THE
RALLY AND USING ALL MEANS POSSIBLE TO MINIMIZE THE SOCIALIST
VICTORY IN THE RECENT ELECTIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)
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